

Marx on Living
Substance – can there
be a Living Culture –
1847 – 1890 – on Paris
Commune and its
Failure – why the
Workers prefer just
working instead and
why the Living Culture
of Paris improved to just
cafes and business
houses in Arcades

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Introduction

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Chanced upon such a note by Marx, that Paris was about a world of business houses and arcades, I felt it meant just the purity of daily life – he means just that the note I read says ‘the pure flow of labour and the pure flow of traffic, and business houses to work which then is like

the unconscious,
something sleepy and
lively at once.”

I have observed from
the 1840s to the 1890
period a long history of
the 1871 Paris
Commune being
rejected again and
again for just a living
culture and living wage
and unionization.

All of this then becomes
Parisian cafes and
parlours.

It even has arcades now
– loved the business
houses and their offices
all working busily of
business life and
working on transacting
in fact over cultural
nicities.

I mean imagine just
transacting for the
house and the rest is

left for labour – labour
everywhere creates a
living culture.

The poverty of Spirit,
the poverty of life – that
exhilarating strike and
even protest which is so
full of Parisian poverty –
then cleaned up by the
police in a lot of crowds
being rounded up to be
sent off.

Drunkards all around,
let's go for a drink.